

Why blog?

Opportunities to reflect on learning

Creating a global or local audience

Writing for an audience

Presenting in different ways

Explore the class blogs at globalteacher to see how schools are using blogs.

<http://globalteacher.org.au>

Help videos

<http://edublogs.org/videos>

Cyber Safety

Teachers have a responsibility to ensure that students use the Internet responsibly when using blogs in the classroom. The website below is called 'Working with the Web... a guide to ethical and safe use of the Internet in Victorian schools'

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/elearningsupportservices/www/default.htm>

How to set up a classroom blog?

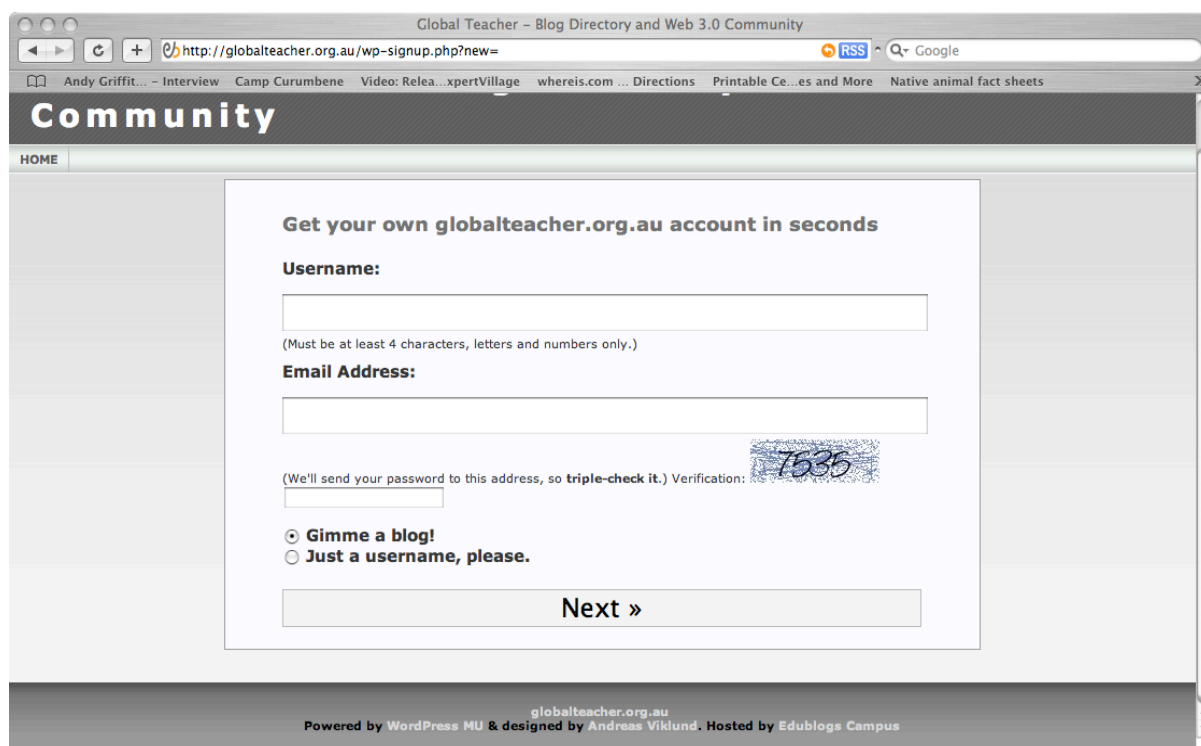
Blogs can be set up to publish what is happening in your classroom. They can be used for students to share their views, learning, reflections about a topic.

Go to globalteacher.org.au and check out the class blogs available on their website. Look at the different publishing tools used. Eg: Voicethread, Photobucket, podcasts, animoto, mindmeister...

We recommend that class blogs are set up through the globalteacher website. This is a Dept of Ed. Initiative to support teachers when introducing web 2.0 technology to their classrooms.

The option to create a blog is on the side bar at the left of the page. Scroll down to Admin and select 'create a class blog'.

<http://globalteacher.org.au/>



A screenshot of a web browser showing the 'Global Teacher - Blog Directory and Web 3.0 Community' sign-up page. The page has a dark header with the site name and a navigation bar with links like 'Interview', 'Camp Curumbene', etc. The main content area is titled 'Community' and 'HOME'. It features a sign-up form with the heading 'Get your own globalteacher.org.au account in seconds'. The form includes fields for 'Username:', 'Email Address:', and a 'Verification' code (7535). Below these fields are two radio button options: 'Gimme a blog!' (selected) and 'Just a username, please.'. A 'Next »' button is at the bottom of the form. The footer mentions 'Powered by WordPress MU & designed by Andreas Viklund. Hosted by Edublogs Campus'.

Global Teacher - Blog Directory and Web 3.0 Community

http://globalteacher.org.au/wp-signup.php?new=

Community

HOME

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Username:

(Must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only.)

Email Address:

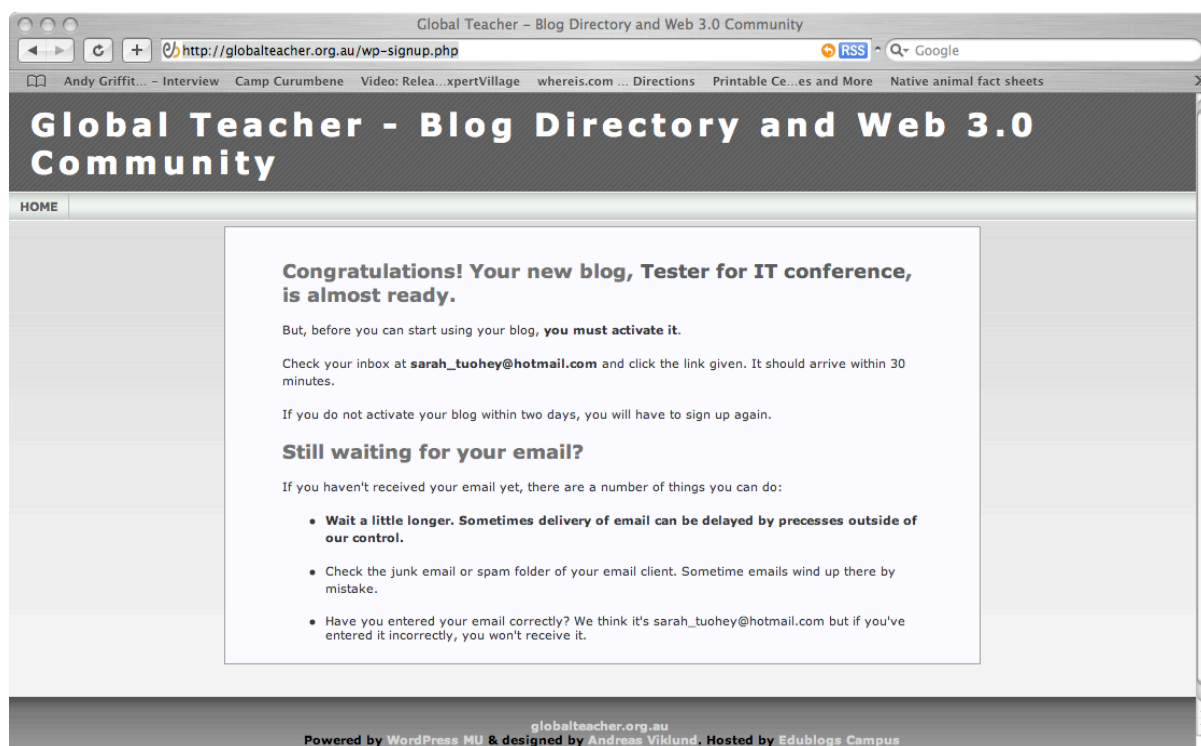
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☒ **Gimme a blog!**

☐ **Just a username, please.**

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A screenshot of the same web browser showing the confirmation page after sign-up. The header and navigation bar are the same. The main content area is titled 'Global Teacher - Blog Directory and Web 3.0 Community' and 'HOME'. It features a confirmation message: 'Congratulations! Your new blog, Tester for IT conference, is almost ready.' followed by instructions to activate the blog by checking the inbox at sarah_tuohey@hotmail.com. It also includes a section 'Still waiting for your email?' with a list of troubleshooting steps. The footer is the same as the previous screenshot.

Global Teacher - Blog Directory and Web 3.0 Community

HOME

Congratulations! Your new blog, Tester for IT conference, is almost ready.

But, before you can start using your blog, **you must activate it.**

Check your inbox at **sarah_tuohey@hotmail.com** and click the link given. It should arrive within 30 minutes.

If you do not activate your blog within two days, you will have to sign up again.

Still waiting for your email?

If you haven't received your email yet, there are a number of things you can do:

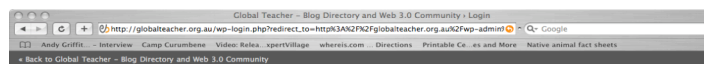
- **Wait a little longer. Sometimes delivery of email can be delayed by precesses outside of our control.**
- Check the junk email or spam folder of your email client. Sometime emails wind up there by mistake.
- Have you entered your email correctly? We think it's sarah_tuohey@hotmail.com but if you've entered it incorrectly, you won't receive it.

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You will be sent an email with your password and a link to activate your account.

Log in with your username and password

Note that globalteacher and globalstudent blogs are hosted by edublogs.



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Username
tester

Password

☒ Remember Me

[Lost your password?](#)

Two layers of a blog

BEFORE you go any further, note the name of your blog in the address bar.

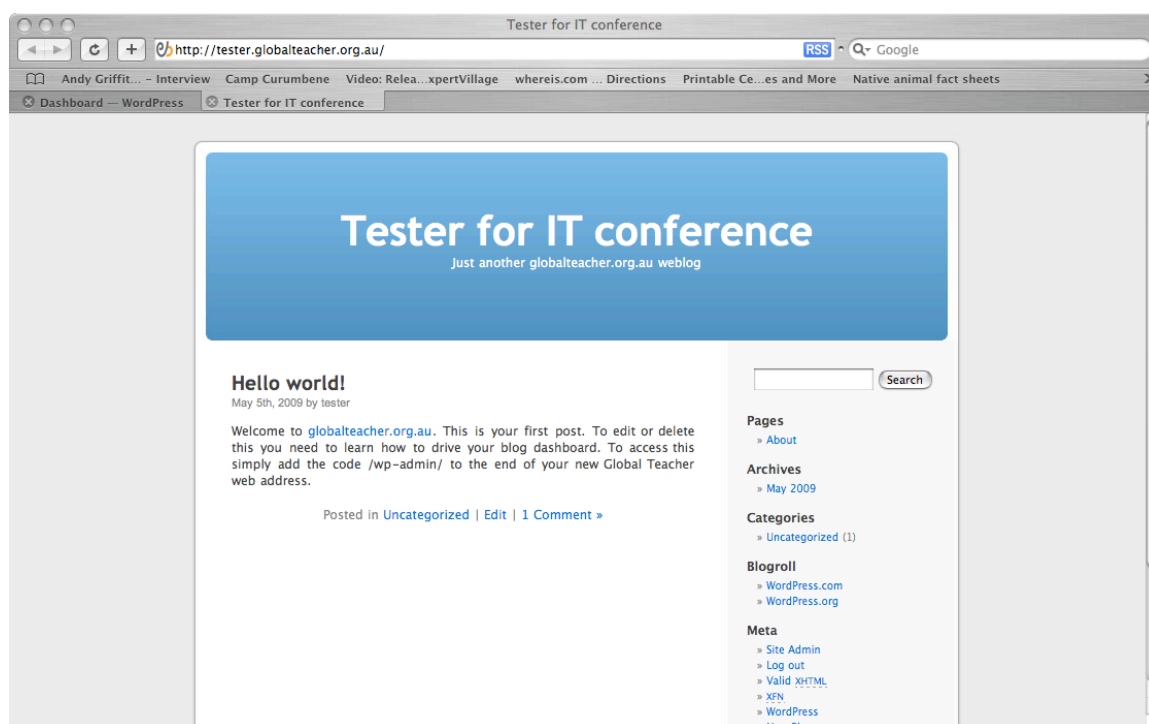
There is the administrator layer to your blog and what the public is able to see.

You will need two windows open on your screen or two tabs. One screen will have the administrator layer of your blog.

The other screen will have the public layer of your blog. You will need to refresh this page (F5 function key at the top of the keyboard) each time you make a change to the administrator layer of the blog.

When you log in to your global teacher or global student blog you will be in the dashboard of the blog. This is where you will write your posts, create the design of your blog and manage the settings to your blog.

This is what people will see on your blog. This is the public layer of the blog.



Change your password

Create a more reasonable password by going to the 'Users' tab in the top right hand corner. Click 'Your Profile' and change password at the bottom of the page. Don't forget to save changes.

Change the design

Change the design of your blog by going to the Design tab. Click on a variety of designs until you're happy with one.

Click activate on the top right hand corner to choose a design or keep selecting.

You can change your design at any time.

Do you want a one, two or three column blog?

Add widgets!

Change the settings on your blog

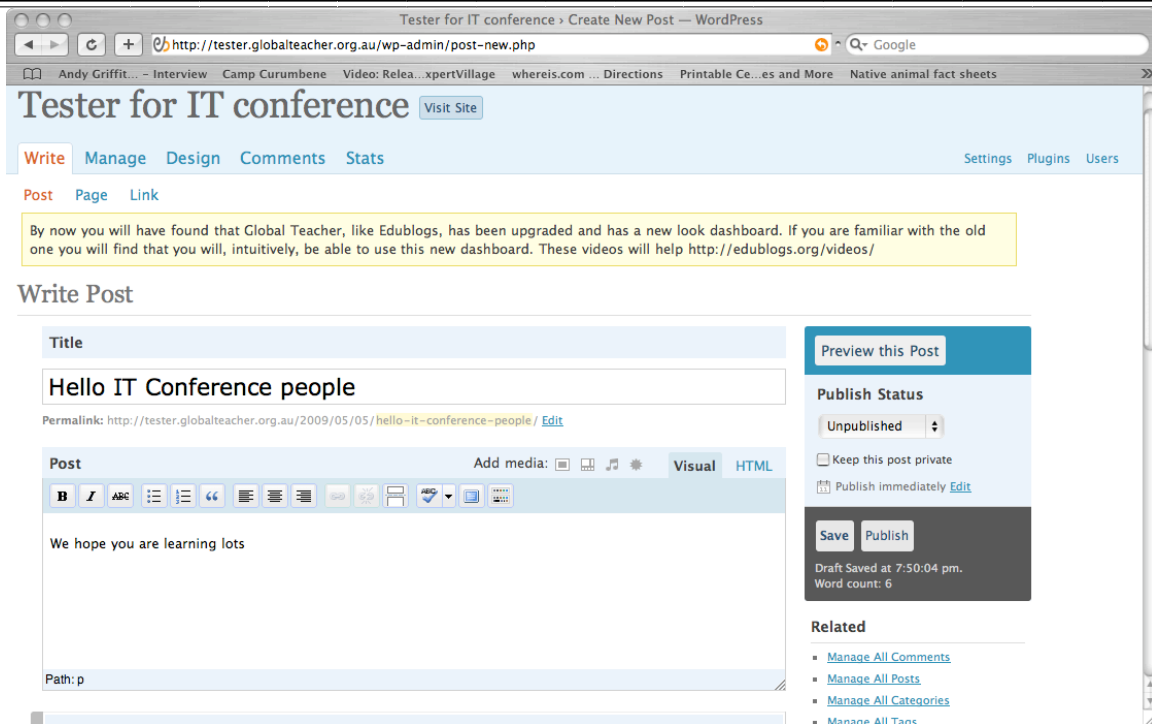
Go to 'Discussion' and make sure that all boxes are checked except for 'comment author must have a previously approved comment'.

Check out the settings for your blog.

Write a post

Write your first message on your blog. This message is called a post. Other people are able to comment on your post.

You are able to preview your post before publishing it.



Add links to your blog

Go to Write..... then Link..... Add the name of the website that you want to link to and write the web address.

Save your link

Go to Ann's blog <http://annmcd.globalstudent.org.au> or other classroom blogs at globalteacher.org.au and check out some of the other tools that they use.

See if you are able to add any of these to your own blog.

You may want to embed some code into your blog from a voice thread, animoto etc...